

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 21 and ending at page 11, line 16 to read, as follows.

The image forming portion 102 has the function of forming a developer image (toner image) on the surface of a photosensitive drum 113 as an image bearing member, and transferring it to the transferring material S, and has disposed therein a singly-constructed ~~singly-constructed~~ black developing apparatus 103, a cylindrical photosensitive drum 113, a primary charging device 114, a rotary developing apparatus 101 containing therein color developing apparatuses 200Y, 200M and 200C for three colors integral with developer cartridges 6, a post-charging device 116 for adjusting the quality of image after development, an endless ring-shaped transferring belt 117 to which toner images of four colors are transformed in superimposed relationship with one another, whereafter from which the multi-color image is transferred to the transferring material S, a drum cleaner 118 for removing any residual toners on the photosensitive drum 113, a secondary transferring roller 119 for transferring the toner images from the transferring belt 117 to the transferring material, a belt cleaner 120 for removing any residual toners on the transferring belt 117, etc.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 2 and ending at page 12, line 19 to read, as follows.

As what communicates ~~communicate~~ the image forming portion 102 and the sheet feeding portion 109 with each other, there are installed registration rollers 121 for enhancing the accuracy of the posture and position of the transferring material S, and

feeding out the transferring material S in timed relationship with the toner images transferred onto the transferring belt 117, and downstream of the image forming portion 102 with respect to the transport direction of the transferring material S, there are disposed a transferring material transporting apparatus 122 for transporting the transferring material S to which the toner images have been transferred, a fixing apparatus 104 for fixing the unfixed image on the transferring material S, discharge rollers 105 for discharging the transferring material S having had the image thereon fixed to the outside of the multi-color image forming apparatus, etc.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 19, line 21 and ending at page 20, line 2 to read, as follows.

The developing screws 7, as shown in Fig. 4, have rotary shafts 71 parallel with [[to]] the developing sleeve 8, and spiral augers 72 which are spiral vane members are provided on the rotary shafts 71. The developing screws 7a and 7b are provided with the spiral augers 72 in opposite directions, and are rotated in the same directions (arrows “b” and “c” in Fig. 3) to thereby carry the developer in opposite directions.

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 33, line 3 and ending at page 33, line 27 to read, as follows.

By doing so, the level height of the developer is markedly stabilized and an amount of discharge as aimed at can be successfully obtained as compared with a case where the construction of the discharge port is determined on the basis of the level height of the developer by the revolution in the afore-described ~~aforedescribed~~ example of the

conventional art, and a case where the construction of the discharge port is determined on the basis of only the level height of the developer after the rotation of the developing screw.

Also, in the process of setting conditions for it, the number of revolutions of the developing screw greatly affecting the image characteristic ~~cannot~~ can not be greatly changed as in the conventional construction and therefore, as compared with a case where only the height and cross-sectional area of the discharge port are relied on for the setting of the conditions, the height and area of the agitation promoting plate can be freely changed as the adjustment parameters of the amount of discharge and therefore, the setting of the conditions becomes markedly easy to do and any complicated construction is not required and thus, it becomes possible to provide a low-cost and stable excess developer discharging mechanism.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 35, line 12 and ending at page 36, line 7 to read, as follows.

Also, even in a case where the rotation stop time of the rotary type developing body is shortened or the rotary type developing body exhibits, besides the developing stop position which visits periodically stably during a continuous image forming operation, unstable stop position behavior such as a home position standby position which visits after the termination of a job, or a developer cartridge interchange stop standby position in which the developing body is stopped and stands by only when the toner in the cartridge has become small in amount, or even in a case where the rotary type developing body has a plurality of stop positions as in a construction wherein the developing body is stopped and

stands by at a home position whereat the developing sleeve is not opposed to [[tot]] the photosensitive member, or a construction wherein the developing body is stopped and stands by at a developer cartridge interchanging position, the excess amount of developer aimed at can be discharged reliably, and it has become possible for the discharging mechanism to stably maintain a high quality of image.